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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We need to maintain broadband competition and to allow local carriers to continue to use other carriers lines. These are critical unbundled network elements (UNEs) and enable local carriers to deploy equipment and provide Phlo and Phiber services, at competitive prices. The elimination of different carriers is responsible for enormous price hikes and the loss of any reasonable customer service.

I am both a residential consumer and a small business owner who supports such competition and, frankly, the current price increases in all aspects of life is making it impossible to lead a decent life. The cost of what has become our basic utilities has and is still skyrocketing. I not only get my internet connectivity, but also a phone residential phone line, at a little less than half of what it would cost from the giant conglomerates. Even at that, I am contemplating the need for getting rid of cable TV because of its cost. These services are now necessary for a halfway normal life.

I am saying a loud and clear "NO" to your thoughts of price hikes for internet and telephone services.

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